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SUBJECT: UNSUCCESSFUL BOMB ATTEMPT ON SPANISH LEADERS

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1. KING JUAN CARLOS AND PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ ESCAPED INJURY FROM A APPARENT BOMB ATTEMPT IN PALMA DE MALLORCA YESTERDAY. AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO RETURN FROM A YACHTING EXPEDITION, SPANISH POLICE DISCOVERED AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE IN A BOX NEAR THE ROAD NORMALLY USED BY THE ROYAL PARTY. THE DEVICE WAS REMOVED BY POLICE AND DELIBERATELY EXPLODED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, WHILE THE KING AND SUAREZ RETURNED TO THE PALACE BY A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

2. SO FAR NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY NOR HAS IT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT THE BOMB WAS MEANT FOR THE KING AND SUAREZ, OFFICIAL AND PRESS SPECULATION CENTERS ON GRAPO, THE EXTREME LEFT TERRORIST GROUP, SEVERAL OF WHOSE LEADERS WERE RECENTLY ARRESTED IN MADRID (REFTEL). SPANISH SECURITY SERVICES COMMENTED AT THAT TIME THAT THE GRAPO INFRASTRUCTURE HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY WIPED OUT, BUT THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF RANK AND FILE REMAINED, ESPACIALLY IN
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BARCELONA AND SEVILLE. THE ABILITY OF SUCH TERRORIST GROUPS TO THROW UP NEW LEADERS AND STRIKE BACK IS UNFORTUNATELY WELL ESTABLISHED. IF THE CURRENT ATTACK DOES PROVE TO BE GRAPO WORK, IT WOULD THEREFORE COME AS NO PARTICULAR SURPRISE.

3. EARLY MADRID PRESS REACTION IS CALM, STRESSING THAT

THE KING AND SUAREZ WERE UNINJURED AND NEVER APPARENTLY
IN ANY REAL DANGER. INDEPENDENT LIBERAL LEFT "EL PAIS"
GAVE THE STROY FRONT PAGE HEADLINES, BUT WITHOUT
SENSATIONALSIM. CATHOLIC CENTRISTS "YA" AND CONSERVATIVE
"ABC" TOOK THE SAME GENERAL LINE, BUT RELEGATED THE
STORY TO AN INNER PAGE, GIVING HEADLINE PROMINENCE
INSTEAD TO THE BREAD STRIKE UNDER WAY IN MADRID.

4. IN A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ
TREATED THE EVEN CALMLY: " IT DIDN'T BOTHER ME
SERIOUSLY" HE ADDED
"THERE ARE GROUPS THAT, WHATEVER THEIR IDEOLGY
MAY BE DESIRE THAT THIS DEMMCRACTIC CONSOLIDATION
NOT BE CARRIED OUT (IN SPAIN).STABLER

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